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## SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building"** (H.R. 5107). 

This bill does not affect direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or revenue.

2) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building"** (H.R. 4811). 

This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

3) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 110 North Chestnut Street in Olathe, Kansas, as the "Governor John Anderson, Jr. Post Office Building"** (H.R. 4674). 

This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

4) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 7 Columbus Avenue in Tuckahoe, New York, as the "Ronald Bucca Post Office"** (H.R. 4995). 

This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

5) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building"** (H.R. 4101). 

This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

6) **Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2006** (H.R. 3351). 

This bill triples – to \$1.5 billion, from \$500 million – the maximum limit on outstanding principal for the Indian Guaranteed Loan program. Additionally, it extends the authorization of appropriations for grants to Indian tribes for justice training and technical assistance, as well as for civil and criminal legal assistance grants. It also extends the authorization of appropriations for an Office of Tribal Justice Support and for support to tribal justice systems. The bill costs \$2 million in 2006 and about \$210 million over the 2006-10 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. It does not affect direct spending or revenue.

7) **Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act** (H.R. 2720). 

This bill authorizes the appropriation of \$20 million for 2006 and \$15 million

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for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2010 for a program to address the infestation of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive trees in the West. The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, is to provide grants to institutions of higher education to develop public policy expertise in long-term management strategies for these invasive species. In addition, the Secretary will fund at least five demonstration projects to assess methods for controlling Salt Cedar and Russian Olive trees. Finally, the Secretary would work with the Secretary of Agriculture to analyze methods of disposing of the biomass created as a result of the removal of these invasive species. This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

8) ***Dana Point Desalination Project Authorization Act*** (H.R. 3929). 

This bill authorizes the appropriation of \$2.5 million for research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering to assist the Municipal Water District of Orange County develop a desalination plant in Dana Point, CA. The authority terminates within 10 years, and the Federal share of the project's studies and initial engineering costs may not exceed 25 percent. This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

9) ***Central Texas Water Recycling Act of 2005*** (H.R. 3418). 

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of facilities to recycle water in McLennan County, TX. The bill limits the Federal share of this project to 25 percent of its total cost. It does not affect direct spending or revenue.

10) ***Congratulating the People and Government of Italy, the Torino Olympic Organizing Committee, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the 2006 United States Olympic Team, and all International Athletes Upon the Successful Completion of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy*** (H.Res. 697). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

11) ***Recognizing the 58th Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel*** (H.Con.Res. 392). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

12) ***Conveying the Sympathy of Congress to the Families of the Young Women Murdered in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, and Encouraging Increased United States Involvement in Bringing an End to These Crimes*** (H.Con.Res. 90). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

13) ***Supporting the Goals and Ideals of World Water Day*** (H.Res. 658). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

14) ***Prevention of Fraudulent Access to Phone Records Act*** (H.R. 4943). 

This bill prohibits deceitfully obtaining or selling the personal information of telecommunications customers, including customers' phone records, or the solicitation of the same. The bill also requires telecommunications carriers to take precautions to safeguard customers' personal information and to notify customers and the Federal Communications Commission [FCC] whenever there is a breach. It also directs the FCC to prescribe regulations adopting more stringent security standards for customer information. Enacting the bill could increase Federal revenue as a result of the collection of additional civil penalties (recorded in the budget as revenues) assessed for violations of the new laws and regulations. The Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimates, however, that any additional revenue would not be significant because of the relatively small number of cases likely to be involved. Enacting the bill will not affect direct spending.

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15) ***Congratulating Charter Schools and Their Students, Parents, Teachers, and Administrators Across the United States for Their Ongoing Contributions to Education*** (H.Res. 781). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

16) ***Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run*** (H.Con.Res. 359). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

17) ***To Provide for the Conditional Conveyance of Any Interest Retained by the United States in St. Joseph Memorial Hall in St. Joseph, Michigan*** (H.R. 4700). 

This bill directs the Administrator of General Services to convey to the city of St. Joseph, MI, any interest retained by the United States in St. Joseph Memorial Hall, in return for consideration of \$10,000. CBO has not prepared an official cost estimate for this measure, but it is not expected to affect direct spending or revenue.

#### LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

**Bill:** ***Lobbying Accountability Act for Fiscal Year 2007*** (H.R. 4975). 

**Committee:** Judiciary

**Summary:** H.R. 4975 amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 and the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. It expands reporting requirements for lobbyists and Members of Congress. It also creates certain restrictions on gifts and travel – including temporarily banning privately funded travel – and requires training for Members and staff on ethics issues. In addition, it contains provisions addressing earmark reform: under this bill, a general appropriations bill reported by the Committee on Appropriations would be subject to a point of order unless the report accompanying the bill included a list of earmarks in the bill or report along with the names of any Members who submitted requests for earmarks contained in the list. This requirement also applies to conference reports and the accompanying joint statements of managers.

**Cost:** CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4975 would cost about \$2 million in fiscal year 2007 and \$1 million a year in subsequent years, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would increase governmental receipts and direct spending from new violations of campaign finance law, but CBO estimates those effects would not be significant.

**Budget Act:** Enacting this bill would not violate the Congressional Budget Act.

**Bill:** ***The Security and Accountability for Every [SAFE] Port Act*** (H.R. 4954). 

**Committee:** Homeland Security

**Summary:** This bill directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement the following: 1) a strategic plan to enhance the security of the maritime transportation system; 2) protocols for the resumption of trade in the event of a transportation security incident that necessitates the suspension of trade; and 3) a plan for improving the Automated Targeting System for identifying high-risk containers moving through the international supply chain.

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The bill also establishes the following: 1) a Director of Cargo Security Policy in the Department of Homeland Security [DHS] to coordinate DHS cargo security policies and programs with other executive agencies relating to cargo security; 2) minimum standards and verification procedures for securing containers in transit to an importer in the United States; 3) a Container Security Initiative to identify and examine maritime containers that pose a risk for terrorism at foreign ports before they are shipped to the United States; 4) the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism to strengthen the overall security of the international supply chain and U.S. border security; and 5) a port security grant program to allocate Federal assistance to U.S. ports on the basis of risk and need.

**Cost:** The bill authorizes the appropriation of \$3.233 billion in fiscal year 2007; \$8.873 billion over the fiscal year 2007-11 period; and an additional \$881 million for fiscal year 2012. CBO estimates that the bill could affect direct spending and revenue, resulting from the imposition of new criminal fines – which constitute offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) – that would be deposited into the Crime Victims Fund and spent without further appropriation. But CBO estimates such effects would be insignificant, and would result in a long-term direct spending effect of zero.

**Budget Act:** This bill is not expected to violate the Congressional Budget Act.